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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Public Defender 2014 Juvenile Delinquency Law Seminar - Approval of Incidental Expenses

SUBJECT

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IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Authorize the Public Defender to incur incidental expenses above the Department's delegated authority as outlined in Section 5.40.097 of the Los Angeles County Code.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Department plans to host a Juvenile Delinquency Law Seminar open to staff of the Public Defender's Office, Alternate Public Defender's Office, other county Public Defender offices, and the private bar. The seminar will provide State Bar required Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) credit to attorneys in attendance.

This Board letter is submitted to comply with Los Angeles County Code section 5.40.097 and County Fiscal Manual Section 4.9.0.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This seminar provides juvenile delinquency law training for attorneys and support staff of the Public Defender and Alternate Public Defender, as well as attorneys from other county Public Defender offices and the private bar. The seminar will also provide State Bar required Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) credit to attorneys in attendance. The training is always well attended and highly regarded by attendees. Seminar presenters are experts in juvenile case litigation and include in-house experts of the Public Defender as well as nationally recognized speakers from across the

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FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

We estimate the additional expense to be approximately \$6,931.26 for incidental expenses incurred as part of this seminar, which will be held on Monday, March 31, 2014 at the Center at Cathedral Plaza. The cost of the event will be revenue offset. Incidental expenses include, but are not limited to the provision of food services by the proposed venue as a condition of reserving the venue. A Sole Source request has been submitted to the Internal Services Department and is pending final approval upon receipt of a signed and approved copy of this letter.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Section 5.40.097 of the County Code permits departments to purchase food and beverages for official functions and meetings authorized by the department head up to \$500 per occasion with a maximum of \$5,000 per year. Any expenditure of more than \$500 per occurrence must be approved in advance by the Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors. Expenditures exceeding the \$5,000 annual limit must be approved in advance by the Board as an agenda item. The approval limits also apply even if the department will recover some or all of the expenses from other sources (e.g., admission fees, other revenue, etc.).

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

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The impact on current services is nominal as attendees register for the seminar and clear their court calendars well in advance of the seminar. The intended outcome of the seminar is that attendees will be better trained and prepared to handle the complexities of juvenile case work.

Respectfully submitted,

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